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Research Interests

Evaluation of services for veterans with serious mental illness
Treatment effectiveness for adults with serious mental illness
Alcohol problem detection/brief interventions in the emergency department and
primary care settings
Geriatric health: alcohol use and mental health issues

Current VA Research

Psychosis Registry: tracking access and service use of all veterans with psychosis
VA HSR&D: The Patient-Centered Treatment of Dually Diagnosed Veterans
VA HSR&D: Determinants of Treatment Retention for Veterans with Psychoses

Other Current Research/Funded

NIAAA: Tailored Alcohol Messages in the Emergency Department
Ethel & James Flinn Family Foundation : Screening and Brief Intervention for Patients
Presenting to the Psychiatric Emergency Service (PES) With Major Mental
Illnesses and At-Risk Drinking
NIAAA: Identification of Risk Factors for Pregnant Drinkers in Primary Care

Recent Peer Reviewed Publications

Psychotropic medications and treatment guidelines for depression in pregnancy. International
Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 72:61-70, 2001.
Brief physician advice for problem drinkers: long-term efficacy and benefit-cost ratio.
Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, 26(1):36-43, 2002
Intervening with alcohol problems in Emergency Medicine: Discussion of DiClementi and
Soderstrom article. Alcohol Problems Among Emergency Department Patients: Research
on Identification and Intervention. Center for Disease Control, in press.
Concurrent medication use and health-related consequences of alcohol use among older adults in
primary care. Alcohol and Alcoholism, in press.
Alcohol, drug and psychoactive medication misuse and abuse. Generations, in press.
Effect of strengths model versus assertive community treatment model on patient outcomes and
utilization: 2-year Follow-Up. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal, in press.
Alcohol problems in older women. Alcohol Research and Health, in press.

Education & Experience

Associate Director, SMITREC, Veterans Health Administration	1996-present
Senior Associate Research Scientist, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan	1996-present
Associate Director/Associate Research Scientist, Office of Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Department of Family Medicine, University of	1990-96

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Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin	1988
M.S., Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin	1981